

Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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In a process installation having a plurality of field devices FLS, PS, CU, which exchange data with a control room CR via a signal line SL, wherein the signal line SL is designed for a conventional, first data transmission technology having a low data transmission rate (less than 10,000 baud), at least one field device CU applies[[,]] for data transmission with the control room CR, via a second data transmission technology, which permits a greater data transmission rate and/or more functionality than the first transmission technology and which uses the existing signal line SL as the communication medium.